

TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Victoria Simonsen, Town Administrator
DATE: June 17, 2021
ITEM: Administrator's Report

ORDINANCE
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 INFORMATION

COVID-19 Update:

MASK ORDER

After much deliberation, BCPH has decided to allow the mask order to expire and align with the state (BCPH order expires June 10 and the state's on July 1). This was based on a number of factors, including:

- County vaccination and case numbers are better than our neighbors (some significantly better), who have all now stood down their county orders.
- The previous extension of the mask order centered on protection of the health system, which no longer appears to be an issue.
- Any additional protections the order would provide are not enforceable at this point.

Boulder County will provide ongoing "strong recommendations" through communications with the public and our partners.

TESTING

Testing is winding down. Boulder County Fairground testing site closed June 9.
<https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/testing/>
The recent 7 day positivity less than 1%, at 0.7%

VACCINATIONS

Almost 74% of eligible population (12+) has at least one vaccination, approx. 1,000 daily. Parents currently seem to have less concern for getting kids vaccinated and kids under 18 need parental consent. <https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/vaccine-data/>

Garry Sanfacon, Boulder County Recovery. Transition from response to recovery and ARPA funds.

Comprehensive Plan Update: According to our DOLA Regional Manager, Chris La May, the Grant Agreement for the comp plan update should be in-hand sometime between 6/25 and 7/12, approximately, at which point that document and the Professional Services Agreement for Clarion Associates will be presented to the BOT for approval. In the meantime, PCDC and Staff are gathering preliminary data from Town commissions through a Comp Plan Questionnaire, and a PCDC committee and Staff are beginning to plan a kick-off event to garner public awareness of the project.

Parks and Public Works

1) Irrigation Updates: PPW's staff have been working to ensure that all irrigation systems are up and functioning properly with the shift in heat and lack of precipitation. Staff is aware of recent dryness occurring in several park areas. Systems in both Bohn Park and LMJ Park had to be shut down completely after being initially started up for the season after heavy runoff on the St. Vrain due to fire debris run off on the South St. Vrain and heavy sediment on the north. System stalling wells and wet wells had to be vacuumed out and the wells and equipment needed to be cleaned in order to ensure the equipment wasn't damaged. Bohn Park had to be switched to potable water and may need to stay on potable to avoid damage for the season.

All systems are now functioning, and staff are troubleshooting issues in the field.

2) LVRP Water Quality Improvement Project: Staff has been in touch with EcoResource Solutions regularly since the BOT meeting and contract approval. EcoResource Solutions had an initial bonding issue but have been able to find a resolution. Initial survey work (bathymetry to determine the depths of the ponds), water quality monitoring (including potential blue-green algae or other toxins), a BenthoSweep application (depending on monitoring information) and a project meeting to start groundwork while we await the system shipments are being scheduled starting this Thursday 6/17, beginning with the bathymetry.

The systems will need to be installed so the piping goes in the deepest part of each pond. Once they have completed the surveys, they will determine final locations and we will begin groundwork. Systems will be installed once received.

Artisan Market

Parks and Recreation held their first Artisan Market in Bohn Park. The event was a big success with hundreds of people attending and more than 25 vendors. There have been numerous requests to do this on a regular basis throughout the summer and to include food vendors.

LAHC Update

- Wednesday, July 14 we are hosting our first in-person openings again! Join us from 5:30 to 7pm to celebrate Tandem Openings: Bearable Light by Sally White King at the Lyons Regional Library and Town Hall Art Show
- Sculptures are being installed throughout town for our heARTS of LYONS Outdoor Art Program
- Reven Swanson's sculpture Farmer's Moon is now in front of Smokin' Daves and sponsored by them too!
- Muse of Nature by Jodie Bliss is now installed on Hwy 36 (photo attached!)
- Kevin Ginsberg's sculpture City is going in front of the Stone Cup June 23
- Emmett Culligan's sculpture Ligature will be installed in the Town Triangle early July
- Staff and LAHC members submitted a grant to History Colorado for a micro grant for the Ute Trail Marker project. A summary: The Lyons Arts and Humanities Commission (LAHC) seeks funding for a sculpture and plaque to mark a Ute trail in LaVern Johnson Park in Lyons, Colorado. There was a marker previously installed, but it was destroyed in the catastrophic 2013 flood. The LAHC will bring back an enhanced version of the marker.

We have been in discussion with the Southern Ute Tribe, who guided us to contemporary Ute sculptor, Oreland Joe. We will install one of Mr. Joe's beautiful works, honoring and celebrating the Ute by working with an artist of Ute and Navajo ancestry. The sculpture will be on a plinth of local Lyons Red Sandstone with a plaque describing the history of the indigenous in the region and background on the artist.

Finally, we have partnered with the Town's Historical Preservation Committee and the Lyons Regional Library to host public talks about the tribes indigenous to this area.

- Soon there will be a rainbow Pride flag - including black and brown stripes to honor the people of color in the gay community - on the street at 4th and High.

Commissioner Loachamin

Mayor Angelo and Administrator Simonsen recently met with Boulder County Commissioner Loachamin. We discussed the current affordable housing needs, American Rescue Plan funding and an upcoming meeting with other municipalities on June 21, as well as the Town/County IGA for our planning area. The commissioner was very interested in Lyons issues and will be assisting us in planning a joint meeting with the BOT and Commissioners later this summer.

Highland Ditch Update

Staff met with Highland Ditch Board to discuss the St. Vrain Corridor trail project that is being considered. The Board did express an interest in working with the town on making this successful, but also expressed their disappointment of comments made by specific individuals previously that did not encourage a positive partnership. Specifically, Highland feels that the property that was quit claim deeded was a land swap, not a straight purchase for \$10. Staff has been researching the issue and attached updated information.

CML Effective Governance Training

Trustee Rogin and Administrator Simonsen attended a recent training by CML on effective governance. The topics covered included: Bob's Rules of Order; Meetings After COVID; Staff/Elected Relationships; Open Meetings Laws; Media Relations; Ethics.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Staff is putting together a presentation and matrix of the available funding opportunities through the \$1.9T stimulus bill. Staff will be making of list of potential projects that may be eligible and will meet with the Board to prioritize which projects to submit.